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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, ARA FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON PRESIDENT MOLINA'S DECISION NOT TO GO
TO SAN JOSE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 0787

1. THE DAY AFTER PRESIDENT MOLINA'S NEWS RELEASE I SPOKE WITH SUB-
SECT CASTANEDA WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN F. M. FACIO EXTENDED
PRES. ODUBER'S INVITATION TO PRES. MOLINA. CASTANEDA STATED THAT
PRES. MOLINA HAD DECLINED THE INVITATION BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE
WISE FOR HIM TO LEAVE EL SALVADOR ONLY ONE MONTH BEFORE THE
ELECTION ON MARCH 14TH. IF THE PRES. ACCEPTED THE ODUBER'S
INVITATION NOW, AFTER ALL THE PUBLICITY CONCERNING SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S TRIP AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS MEETING WITH ALL
OF THE PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA IN COSTA RICA, HE WOULD
BE GIVING THE OPPOSITION PARTY AN ISSUE WHICH THEY COULD
USE AGAINST HIM AND HIS PARTY. CASTANEDA SAID THAT IF THE PRESIDENT
HAD RECEIVED THE INVITATION BEFORE IT WAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY
IT STILL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TIMELY FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY,
BUT NOW HE COULD NOT TAKE THE POLITICAL RISK.

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CASTANEDA SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT F. M. BORGONOVO WOULD

REPRESENT THE PRESIDENT AND THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD REPRESENT EL SALVADOR VERY WELL.

2. LAST NIGHT AT THE RECEPTION AT THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY AFTER F. M. FACIO'S SECOND SPEECH IN SAN SALVADOR F. M. FACIO ASKED TO SPEAK WITH ME. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT PRES. MOLINA HAD TURNED DOWN PRES. ODUBER'S INVITATION. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS ALSO EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED, BUT NOT TOO SURPRISED. FACIO SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT THAT PRES. MOLINA WOULD TURN HIM DOWN. I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT PRES. ODUBER HAD NOT DELIVERED HIS INVITATION BEFORE THE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE C.A. COUNTRIES IN COSTA RICA HAD BEEN WIDELY PUBLISHED. FACIO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER THE INVITATION UNTIL THIS WEEK.

3. I SAID THAT THIS WAS REGRETABLE AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PRES. MOLINA DID HAVE A PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE. AN IMPORTANT ELECTION WAS ONLY A MONTH AWAY AND IF PRES MOLINA ACCEPTED THE INVITATION NOW, HE APPARENTLY FELT THAT HE WOULD BE LAYING HIMSELF WIDE OPEN FOR THE OPPOSITION TO ATTACK HIM AND USE THIS AS A POLITICAL ISSUE. I ADDED THAT ONLY PRES. MOLINA COULD DECIDE IF THE POLITICA RI K WAS TOO GREAT. I TOLD THE F. M. THAT I HAD ALERTED THE PRES. THROUGH F.M. BORGONOVO OF FACIO'S VISIT AND THE FORTHCOMING INVITATION, BUT PRESIDENT ODUBER'S INVITATION TO PRES. MOLINA HAD ALREADY LOST SOME CREDIBILITY DUE TO THE PUBLICITY IN EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS AND THE U.S.

4. FACIO AND I AGREED THAT F. M. BORGONOVO WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PRES. MOLINA. FACIO SAID THAT HE WOULD STILL TRY TO GET PRES. MOLINA TO ACCEPT BY HAVING PRES. ODUBER TELEPHONE PRES. MOLINA. SINCE PRES. MOLINA HAS PUBLICALLY DECLINED THE INVITATION, UNFORTUNATELY, I DO NOT THINK THAT HE CAN BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE HIS MIND, AT THIS LATE DATE.
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